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RE: U.S. Utility Patent Application

Appl. No. 08/917,710; Filed: August 26, 1997

For: **Soluble Interleukin-1 Receptor Accessory Molecule**  
Inventors: BEDNARIK *et al.*

OUR REF: 1488.0450001/EKS/GLL

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**Via Facsimile**  
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Dear Examiner Kuntz:

In a telephonic interview on June 15, 2001, the undersigned was informed by the Examiner that an Office Action was mailed on June 23, 1999. The undersigned indicated to the Examiner that a search of the file jacket showed there was no Office Action received. As the Examiner requested, enclosed is a copy of the action summary for the captioned application as printed from our computerized docketing database. The docketing records do not reflect receipt of an Office Action on or about June 23, 1999. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Office Action be remailed to the undersigned with a new deadline for reply thereto.

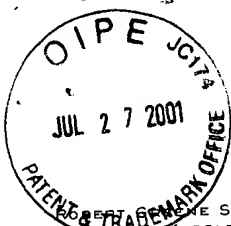
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 with Attachments A-B; and
2. One return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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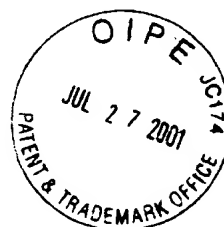
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